

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

United States of America

v.

Jennifer Leigh Ryan

Case No.

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 6, 2021 in the county of _____ in theDistrict of Columbia, the defendant(s) violated:*Code Section**Offense Description*

18 U.S.C. 1752 (a)(1) and (2)

- Knowingly Entering or Remaining in any Restricted Building or Grounds
Without Lawful Authority

40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G)

- Disorderly Conduct on Capitol Grounds

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached statement of facts.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.*Complainant's signature*

Amie C. Stemen, Special Agent

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by

Telephone (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: January 15, 2021

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*Judge's signature*City and state: Washington, DC

Zia M. Faruqui, United States Magistrate Judge

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

Your affiant, Amie C. Stemen, Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), is one of the agents assigned to an ongoing investigation of riots and civil disorder that occurred on January 6, 2021 in and around the United States Capitol grounds by the FBI, United States Capitol Police (“USCP”), Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) and other law enforcement agencies. I have been a Special Agent with the FBI since May 2011. I am presently assigned to the Washington Field Office’s International Corruption Squad. Since I became involved in this investigation on January 6, 2021, I have reviewed public tips, publicly available photos and video, and relevant documents, among other things. As a special agent with the FBI, I am authorized by law or by a Government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detention, investigation, or prosecution of a violation of Federal criminal laws.

The U.S. Capitol is secured 24 hours a day by U.S. Capitol Police. Restrictions around the U.S. Capitol include permanent and temporary security barriers and posts manned by U.S. Capitol Police. Only authorized people with appropriate identification are allowed access inside the U.S. Capitol. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was also closed to members of the public.

On January 6, 2021, a joint session of the United States Congress convened at the United States Capitol, which is located at First Street, SE, in Washington, D.C. During the joint session, elected members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate were meeting in separate chambers of the United States Capitol to certify the vote count of the Electoral College of the 2020 Presidential Election, which had taken place on November 3, 2020. The joint session began at approximately 1:00 p.m. Shortly thereafter, by approximately 1:30 p.m., the House and Senate adjourned to separate chambers to resolve a particular objection. Vice President Mike Pence was present and presiding, first in the joint session, and then in the Senate chamber.

As the proceedings continued in both the House and the Senate, and with Vice President Mike Pence present and presiding over the Senate, a large crowd gathered outside the U.S. Capitol. As noted above, temporary and permanent barricades were in place around the exterior of the U.S. Capitol building, and U.S. Capitol Police were present and attempting to keep the crowd away from the Capitol building and the proceedings underway inside.

At such time, the certification proceedings still underway and the exterior doors and windows of the U.S. Capitol were locked or otherwise secured. Members of the U.S. Capitol Police attempted to maintain order and keep the crowd from entering the Capitol; however, shortly after 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking windows and by assaulting members of the U.S. Capitol Police, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts.

Shortly thereafter, at approximately 2:20 p.m. members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, including the President of the Senate, Vice President Mike Pence, were instructed to—and did—evacuate the chambers. Accordingly, the joint session of the United States Congress was effectively suspended until shortly after 8:00 p.m. Vice

President Pence remained in the United States Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the sessions resumed.

During national news coverage of the aforementioned events, video footage which appeared to be captured on mobile devices of persons present on the scene depicted evidence of violations of local and federal law, including scores of individuals inside the U.S. Capitol building without authority to be there.

On January 05, 2021, a Facebook user Brian MILLER (“MILLER”) tagged Jennifer Leigh RYAN’s (“RYAN”), a.k.a. Jenna Ryan’s, Facebook account, in a series of photographs from US Trinity Aviation in Denton, TX. According to open source information, the caption on the photographs noted, “We’re so excited! DC bound to #StopTheSteal”. RYAN is the female circled in red in the photographs below.



After MILLER’s post, on January 5, 2021, RYAN posted multiple videos on her Facebook account that appear to be taken on board a small private aircraft, on which she was traveling with others to Washington D.C.

Law enforcement agents retrieved a driver’s license photograph of RYAN, a resident of TEXAS, and confirmed RYAN bore a resemblance to the pictures above.

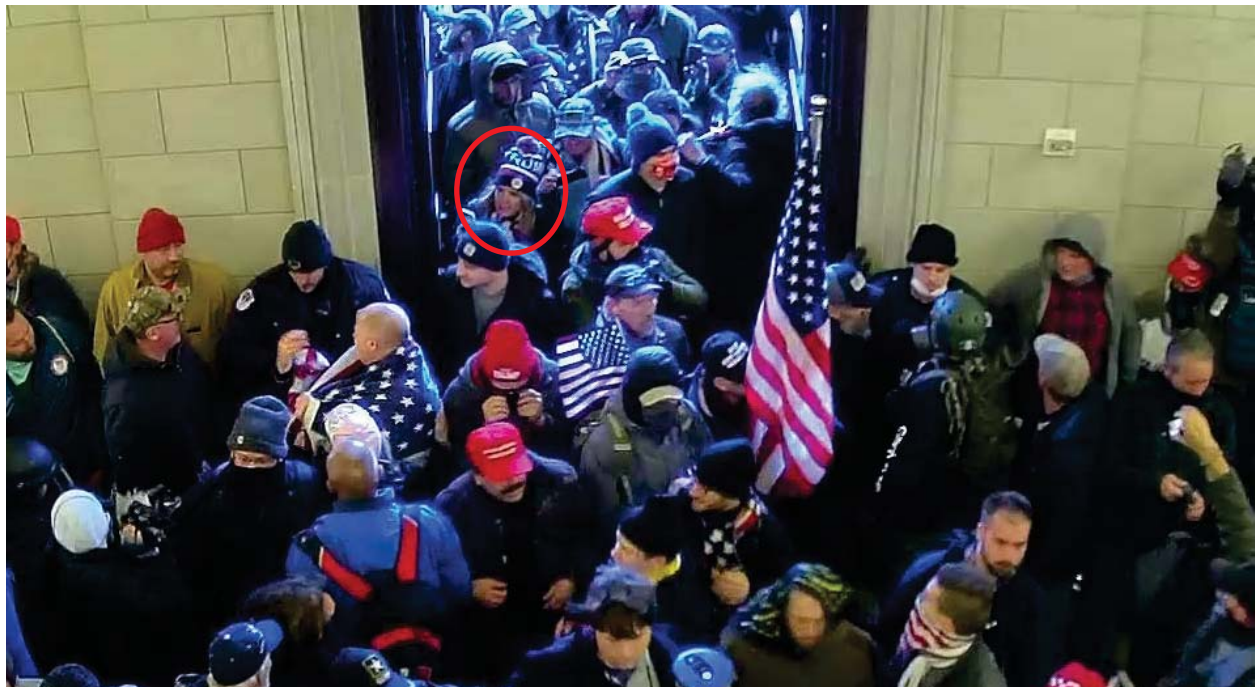
On January 6, 2021, RYAN posted a video on her Facebook account that depicts her in a bathroom mirror stating, “We’re gonna go down and storm the capitol. They’re down there right now and that’s why we came and so that’s what we are going to do. So wish me luck.” Subsequently, on January 6, 2021, RYAN posted a 21-minute Facebook Live video on her

Facebook account, of her and a group walking towards the U.S. Capitol building. RYAN posted photographs of herself at the U.S. Capitol building grounds to her social media accounts, including Facebook and Twitter. Of particular note is an image RYAN posted of herself to her Twitter account, which depicts RYAN in front of a broken window at the U.S. Capitol building, with the caption “Window at The capital [sic]. And if the news doesn’t stop lying about us we’re going to come after their studios next...”



Open source searches also uncovered a now-deleted Facebook live video taken by RYAN as she entered the Capitol building via the Rotunda entrance. The video was captured prior to deletion and reposted to YouTube for public viewing. The video shows RYAN in a large crowd attempting to walk through the entrance to the Capitol, which had visibly broken windows at the time. At the beginning of the live video, RYAN is heard stating, “we are going to f---ing go in here. Life or death, it doesn’t matter. Here we go,” as she approaches the top of the stairs in front of the columns immediately in front of the doors on the West side of the U.S. Capitol building. RYAN then turned on her rear facing camera--exposing her face-- and stated, “y’all know who to hire for your realtor. Jenna Ryan for your realtor.” By minute 08:45 of the video, RYAN has made it to the front door of the building, clearly desecrated, with broken glass windows shattered, and security alarms sounding, as she yells “U-S-A! U-S-A!” and “here we are, in the name of Jesus!” Once inside the building among the crowd, RYAN is heard joining a chant “Fight for freedom! Fight for freedom!” and yelling, “this is our house!” At the end of the video, RYAN turns on her rear-facing camera again, showing her face inside the building.

Your affiant conducted an initial review of some of the surveillance footage captured on January 6, 2021 from cameras inside the Capitol building. During my review, I identified multiple images that depict RYAN entering the Capitol building through the Rotunda door and attempting to walk through the crowds, consistent with their locations as captured in the other various videos described above. In addition, I identified one image of RYAN holding up her cell phone inside the Capitol building.

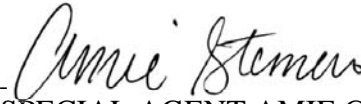






In the hours immediately following the breach of the U.S. Capitol building, RYAN posted on Twitter: “We just stormed the Capital. It was one of the best days of my life.”

Based on the foregoing, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that Jennifer Leigh RYAN violated 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2), which makes it a crime to (1) knowingly enter or remain in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority to do; and (2) knowingly, and with intent to impede or disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions, engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct in, or within such proximity to, any restricted building or grounds when, or so that, such conduct, in fact, impedes or disrupts the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions; or attempts or conspires to do so. For purposes of Section 1752 of Title 18, a “restricted building” includes a posted, cordoned off, or otherwise restricted area of a building or grounds where the President or other person protected by the Secret Service, including the Vice President, is or will be temporarily visiting; or any building or grounds so restricted in conjunction with an event designated as a special event of national significance.

Your affiant submits there is also probable cause to believe that Jennifer Leigh RYAN violated 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G), which makes it a crime to willfully and knowingly (D) utter loud, threatening, or abusive language, or engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct, at any place in the Grounds or in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, or disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress or either House of Congress, or the orderly conduct in that building of a hearing before, or any deliberations of, a committee of Congress or either House of Congress; and (G) parade, demonstrate, or picket in any of the Capitol Buildings.


SPECIAL AGENT AMIE C. STEMEN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1
by telephone, this 15th day of January 2021.



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U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE